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Correspondence with Mr. Harold Weisberg

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Enclosed are a letter of February 2, 1973, from Mr. Weisberg concerning the "Report of Inspection by Naval Medical Staff on November 1, 1966 at National Archives of X-rays and Photographs of Autopsy of President John F. Kennedy" and a draft reply for clearance.

Mr. Weisberg's request for all documents "dealing to" or relevant to the report of the Naval Medical Staff can be interpreted to include the following, in addition to the two that would be made available to him by this letter: (1) three drafts and five inter-agency memorandums relating to the preparation of the agreement with the Kennedy family; and (2) a memorandum concerning the inspection of the autopsy material by NARS and Department of Justice personnel at the time of the receipt of the material from the Kennedy family on October 31, 1966; five drafts of that memorandum; and three related memorandums from the Department of Justice to NARS. These documents are the additional documents referred to as withheld from research in the draft reply.

The memorandum concerning the inspection of the autopsy materials has as attachments copies of the memorandum of transfer of the autopsy material from the Secret Service to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln on April 26, 1965, and the related letters from Robert F. Kennedy to Admiral George G. Burkley and from Admiral Burkley to Mrs. Lincoln. We have withheld these items. The memorandum concerning the inspection of the autopsy materials contains information from the letter of Robert F. Kennedy to Admiral Burkley.

As the two documents that would be made available to Mr. Weisberg by the reply involve the Department of Justice, you may wish to consult the Department concerning their proposed release.

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